

R E M A R K S

Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiners Carter and Vidovich for the courtesies extended him at the interview on August 17, 2006. As noted in the Interview Summary, it was suggested that further structural clarification be provided in the claims to more clearly distinguish over a thesaurus or dictionary that has divider tabs.

Independent claim 44 requires a plurality of sheets in which there are at least first and second sheet sets. The front surfaces of the sheets in the first sheet set have a first type of information thereon. The front surfaces of the sheets in the second sheet set have a second type of material thereon that is different than the first type of material. The sheets in the first and second sheet sets are intermixed so that if one turned the sheets, one by one from front to back, one would expose to view the front surfaces of sheets in the second sheet as well as the front surfaces of sheets in the first sheet set.

The claimed book has first and second engagement portions at first and second engagement locations. The sheets in the first and second sheet sets have cutouts strategically located at the first and second engagement locations whereby flipping through the book while engaging the same at the first location, the user serially engages the front surfaces of sheets in the first sheet set to expose the first type of material thereon while the cutouts cause the user to pass over sheets in the second sheet set between the sheets in the first sheet set so that the material on the front surfaces thereof is not exposed.

For purposes of explanation, the number "1" will be used to identify the first type of material that is on the front surfaces of the sheets in the first sheet set. The number "2" will be used to identify the second type of material that is on the front surfaces of the sheets in the second sheet set. As one continuously engages the book at the first

engagement location and flips from front to back, one serially engages the front surfaces of the sheets having "1" thereon while skipping over the sheets having "2" thereon. Similarly, by flipping while engaging at the second, different engagement location, one serially exposes the front surfaces of the sheets having "2" thereon, while skipping the sheets having "1" on the front surfaces thereof.

Using the example of the thesaurus or the dictionary, if one considers the tab for the letter A to correspond to the front surface of the sheet having "1" thereon, one flips page by page through all of the words that start with the letter A. The user does not skip any pages in the sheets having words with the letter A. Essentially, the cutouts in the pages that expose the tab on the thesaurus/dictionary merely expose the first page for each of the letters of the alphabet. All pages for each letter are turned. The cutouts in the thesaurus/dictionary do not in any way allow strategic page skipping. At best, the cutouts define a series of bookmarks from which all pages moving back therefrom are turned to be exposed as the flipping is carried out. It is possible that behind the A tab another cutout may be encountered at the same A tab location. However, the material therebehind would be related to another letter (another type of material) and thus not related as claimed.

Claim 1 additionally requires that the rear surface of one of the sheets overlying the front surface of a sheet in the first sheet set have the first type of material thereon to be exposed together with the one type of material on the front surface of the one of the sheets as the pages are flipped with the user acting at the first engagement location.

The prior art of record does not teach or suggest the combination of elements recited in claim 44, which is thus believed allowable.

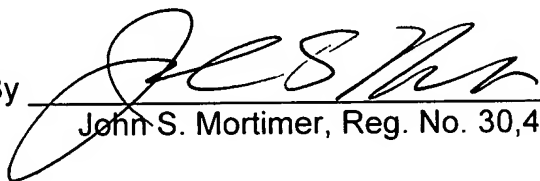
If it would be helpful, a sample of the claimed book can be made available for examination by the Examiner for comparison to a dictionary/thesaurus

The remaining claims 45-56, depend cognately from claim 44 and recite further significant structural detail to further distinguish over the art.

Favorable consideration of new claims 44-56 and allowance of the case are requested.

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